HARRIET B. HOWE.

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Mr. Longnecker, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Harriet B. Howe, make the following report:

The petitioner claims compensation for services rendered the United States as a spy in the war of 1812. She alleges that in 1813, when the British were investing our Canada frontier, she was employed to go within their lines and ascertain their numbers and position. She explains, with much minuteness, the manner in which she accomplished her mission; but there is no other evidence to sustain her than her own declarations and those of a younger brother, who only remembers having heard her story frequently repeated, and believes it to be true. The committee deem the evidence insufficient.